

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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| <p>SUNDAY, AUGUST 29</p> <p>8:00am Worship, Chapel 9:00am Meet the Church Leaders, 306 9:30am Infant & Toddler Childcare, 103 10:00am Worship, Sanctuary KLS Worship, Chapel 11:00am KLS Fellowship, FH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY, AUGUST 30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY, AUGUST 31</p> <p>11:30am Staff Meeting, 302 4:00pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting, CL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1</p> <p>9:00am Garden Clean-Up, Church Grounds 3:00pm Women4Women/Knitting4Peace, PR 7:00pm KLS Evening Service, Chapel Budget Team Meeting, SR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3</p> <p>1:45pm Towne House Communion, Towne House 8:00pm <i>The Laramie Project</i> Performance, TH</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4</p> <p>8:00pm <i>The Laramie Project</i> Performance, TH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5</p> <p>8:00am Worship, Communion, Chapel 9:30am Infant & Toddler Childcare, 103 10:00am Worship, Communion, Sanctuary KLS Worship, Chapel 11:00am KLS Fellowship, FH 2:00pm <i>The Laramie Project</i> Performance, TH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Church Building Closed</i></p> |
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First Presbyterian Church

WELCOMING - ACCEPTING - CARING
 IN THE CENTER OF FORT WAYNE

8:00am & 10:00am Services *The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time* August 29, 2010

THE PRELUDE Sonata 4: Allegretto Felix Mendelssohn

The beginning of the Prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

THE SILENT PRAYERS

THE TOLLING OF THE HOUR

†**THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 96:1-6

One: Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the life within you, and Christ's presence in your midst.

People: Our eyes shall be opened! The present will have new meaning, and the future will be bright with hope.

One: Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the One who is our wisdom and strength.

People: We place ourselves before this God, that we may be touched and cleansed by the power Of God's Spirit.

One: Let us pray...

†**THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION**

All: Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit, that we may live with purpose and enthusiasm and courage after the manner of Jesus, who was truly whole. Amen.

†**THE HYMN** No. 473 For The Beauty of the Earth DIX

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Eternal Giver, as we thank you for the wondrous, precious gift of life, we are aware of how time slips through our fingers. Caught up in yesterday's dreams, and tomorrows hopes, we pass by the opportunities of today. Grant us courage to meet the challenges of today. Let us pray...

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| CE - Christian Education Office CL - Chapel Lounge FH - Fellowship Hall FO - Front Office | LB - Library MF - McKay Foyer MH - McKay Hall MR - Music Room | PR - Parlor SDR - Small Dining Room SR - Session Room TH - Theater |
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† Those who are able please stand

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Most gracious God, Giver of Life, who loves and forgives us, though unworthy, we confess we are caught up too soon in the trappings of religion, rather than rejoicing in the life of the Spirit. We seek too quickly to be a successful organization rather than a church on a mission. Too often we wish to be served rather than to serve. For all of this, forgive us, and free us to walk the paths of righteousness; through Jesus Christ the Way. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Good News is that God forgives and gives us Christ to be living water and true bread.

People: We accept with joy these precious gifts of abundant life.

†**THE GLORIA PATRI** No. 579 Glory Be to the Father

Henry W. Greatorex

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

†**THE PEACE**

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Let us greet each other in the peace of Christ.

(The people exchange signs of peace and reconciliation with one another.)

INVITING THE CHILDREN 10:00am

(Children are invited to come to the Chancel steps for the story while the congregation sings. Worshipers may be seated as the music begins.)

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so...

JESUS LOVES ME

THE WORD WITH THE CHILDREN 10:00am

(Children should return to sit with their families after the Word with The Children)

THE CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION 10:00am Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 112:1-6

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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THE SERMON

Do You Find Jesus Here?

Michael Spath

†**THE HYMN** No. 420 God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

†**A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH** (*The Book of Confessions, pages 267-268*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy one of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community... In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS & TITHES

Offertory 8:00 All Glory Be to God on High

setting by Andreas Armsdorff

10:00 Dona Nobis Pacem

arr. by Hal Hopson

Grace Ramage, Soprano; Jane Beer, Alto; Bryan Stavitzke, Tenor; Irwin Krueger, Bass

†**THE DOXOLOGY** No. 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

†**THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: We return to God portions of what God has given us: our time, the fruits of our labors, our commitment. May the giving from the fullness of our lives be acceptable in God's sight. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Amen.

†**THE HYMN** No. 358 Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

†**THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

†**CHORAL RESPONSE** Threefold Amen

DANISH

†**THE POSTLUDE** Cwm Rhondda

setting by Paul Manz

Litany is adapted from Bread for the Journey edited by Ruth C. Duck.

The Scripture readings for today are Psalm 112:1-6, p. 563 and Luke 14:1, 7-14, p. 77.

The Lectionary readings for today are Jeremiah 2:4-13, p. 699; Psalm 81:1, 10-16, p. 541, 542; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, p. 227-228; and Luke 14:1, 7-14, p. 77.

Lectionary readings for next week are Jeremiah 18:1-11, p. 720; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, p. 577, 578; Philemon 1:21, p. 215-216; and Luke 14:25-33, p. 78.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Greeters – 8:00am Jim & Ellen Ash, 10:00am Joan & Ron Venderly

Ushers – Jim Platt, Head; 8:00am Jim Ash, Ellen Ash, 10:00am Jerry Winters, chair; David Beer, Dick Florea, John Ruble, Bill Wareham, Anita Wolfe

Liturgist– 8:00am Jim & Ellen Ash, 10:00am David McCants

Elders of the Month — Kip Ormerod, Peter Fettig

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First Presbyterian’s Fourth Habitat Build Begins Soon!! On Tuesday, September 28, volunteers from First Pres and six other congregations will join together in an Apostles Build for Habitat for Humanity. For the fourth time in six years, we will be providing a “hand up, not a hand-out” to another hard-working family in Fort Wayne. This will be the 147th Habitat house built in Allen County since 1986. Please sign up on the schedule in the church office or call Paul Sheets at 484-2464 to request a certain day. Please register by September 13.

Volunteers are needed as follows:

- 9/28 Tuesday lay-out and framing
- 9/29 Wednesday framing
- 9/30 Thursday roofing and siding
- 10/1 Friday roofing and siding (possibly not needed)
- 10/19 Tuesday paint
- 10/21 Thursday cabinets/doors/trim also help provide and serve food
- 11/1 Monday punch list
- 11/5 Friday final clean

Newsletter Deadlines: Please send all submissions for the September issue of *First News* to the church office, or directly to Luci Foltz at lfoltz@firstpres-fw.org on or before September 8. Remember we are delaying publication of the newsletter until after the monthly Session meeting in order to provide more current information. The September newsletter will be mailed on September 17.

Town Hall Meetings: As we move forward in this transition time it is important to continue to communicate with one another. To that end, three opportunities are being offered to exchange ideas. They will take place in a format of presentation followed by discussion. The three areas will be “The Church as Family”, “Communication” and “Presbyterian 101”. Each of these areas will address some of the concerns expressed in the listening sessions conducted earlier. Put the following dates on your calendar.

- Monday, September 20 7:00 – 8:30 Church as Family or “How we are with one another”
- Monday, October 18 7:00 - 8:30 Communication or “What we say to one another”
- Monday, November 15 7:00 – 8:30 Presbyterian 101 or “Why we are with one another”

RECENT WATERCOLORS AND ART QUILTS by Peggy Brown, is the new exhibition now in the Gallery. It will run through October 24. A special reception is scheduled for October 1.

Artist Statement: "I paint for myself, for the challenge and the joy of it. . . but I hope I invite the viewer to follow as I work and see the painting process from tentative beginnings to the final touch. My medium is watercolor. I like to emphasize the 'water' part of the word and paint very wet which will allow the paint to assert its own special personality. . . First I wet the paper or fabric and start laying down color. . . at times I incorporate graphite, colored pencils and pastels. Most of my works are presented upon layers of paper or fabric. [In this way] I try to express images that are on, above and below the surface of the painting. . . All are collaborations between paper or fabric - the medium, and myself - the artist."

Peggy is a member of several prestigious professional arts organizations, has published in arts journals and has works in numerous private and corporate collections as well as several museums. She currently lives and works in Nashville, IN and Eustis, FL.

First Presbyterian Theater 2010-2011 Season Memberships are on sale now. Brochures are in the rack by the church office.

If You Like to Eat Cookies, stop by the First Presbyterian booth at the Johnny Appleseed Festival on Sept. 18 and 19. We will be selling delicious cookies to the community, and having lots of fun doing it! Presbyterian Women (and men) do the baking, and First Presbyterian Day Care Ministry provides the wonderful hospitality and salesmanship at the booth! If you like to help bake, call Mona Rebman, 637-6071. If you would like to volunteer at the booth and sell cookies, call Amy Szwabowicz at 426-7421.

Discovering the Bible begins Thursday, September 9, 6:30pm to 8:00pm in McKay Hall. Presented by Rev. Kevin Boyd, and sponsored by PACT (Presbyterians of Allen County Together) *Discovering the Bible*, a new curriculum from the Kerygma series, is the perfect meeting place for those brand-new to Bible study and those who have had a long familiarity with Scripture. This study will provide adults with an engaging and rewarding encounter with Scripture that they will always remember. The class will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month for thirty sessions. Each participating family will need a study guide at a cost of \$30.00 (that's only \$1.00 per lesson). Make checks payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church. Please sign up in the church office, thank you.

DR. MICHAEL SPATH'S CLASSES IN THE FALL, Mark your calendars.

Sunday Mornings at 9:45am, beginning September 12, we continue to study individuals who open up a world through their insights into the spiritual life and the relationship between religion and culture.

Wednesday Evenings, 6:30pm to 8:00pm, beginning September 15, historian Michael Wood leads viewers on a dramatic film excursion through six different ancient civilizations in the acclaimed PBS series, **Legacy: The Origins of Civilization**. Wood explains the earliest six civilizations of the world, and how they continue to play a vital role in the people, politics, society, economy, and religions of every continent.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AUGUST 29, 2010

To Our Guests: We are glad you are worshiping with us today. Please complete the "Visitors Card" in the red sign-in pad and join us for fellowship in the Narthex after the service. If this is your first visit with us, we have a special gift for you at the Welcome Table.

Welcome: First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne welcomes you to its worship and to its work. Founded in 1831, the oldest continuously worshipping congregation in the city, both our theology and the practice of our faith have always been progressive. Our traditions help us live joyfully in the present and toward the future.

We have been blessed by our forebears with a beautiful building, but we know that it is the spirit of the church family within that building that makes us part of Jesus Christ's Church. We are a family of faith, a community seeking God's will. Our ministry and mission are diverse, providing avenues of service for all kinds of people, regardless of race, sex, age, or worldly condition. The whole city is our parish. Our mission is worldwide.

We invite you to help us be a better church, and we would like to be for you a "family of faith", a "home" in Fort Wayne. If you are curious about our ministry and mission, or if you are feeling a nudge by God's Spirit to explore the possibility of finding a church home with us, please let us know. Speak with a pastor or member this morning or contact Rev. Ed Dykstra, 426-7421.

THIS MORNING

Dr. Michael Spath will be preaching this morning at our 8:00am and 10:00am services.

This morning coffee, juice and rolls are served in the Small Dining Room beginning at 8:30am.

The Chancel Flowers are given by Mary Schneider for her family.

Children's Activity Packets, available each Sunday for ages 3-6 and 7-12, may be picked up as you enter the Sanctuary.

Childcare is Available in the Nursery beginning at 9:30am each Sunday through September 5.

No Young Children & Worship through September 5. Children will return to sit with their families after the *Word with The Children* or they may be taken to the Nursery.

Printed Copies of Today's Sermon are not yet available. We regret that it is not always possible to provide copies on the day of the sermon. However, printed copies of sermons from previous weeks are available in the office and at www.firstpres-fw.org under "Media & Resources".

Please sign the Attendance Sheet in the Red Folder found at the end of each pew. Not only does this give you an opportunity to learn your neighbors' names, it is a huge help in assuring that we have an accurate attendance count each Sunday. Thank you.

The Final Meet the Church Leaders opportunity will be today at 9:00am in room 306. Light refreshments will be served. Today's speakers are Peter Fettig, Chair of Mission Appropriations and Sondra Mergenthal, Chair of Adult Education.

Nametag Reminder: Please remember to pick up and drop off your nametags! Thanks!

THIS WEEK

Calling All Knitters: Join *Women 4 Women, Knitting 4 Peace* on the first Wednesday of each month at 3:00pm in the Parlor to knit for peace, share patterns and ideas, learn to knit or teach knitting to anyone who would like to learn. Questions? Contact Alice Chitwood, 744-3802.

A SMOCK Invitation: Come and enjoy a free matinee movie and popcorn on August 31 at 2:00pm in McKay Hall. This month's movie is "The Bucket List".

The "GREEN THUMB" Event is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 1, 9:00am to 11:45am (rain date Thursday, Sept. 2, same time). Come and help spruce up the landscaping around the church so it looks its best for the House & Garden Tour. Please sign up in the church office. The more help the better. Thank you to all of you who have already signed up!! Call David Beer, 489-5103, with any questions.

John Tolley opens the 2010-2011 First Presbyterian Theater season, by directing *The Laramie Project*. The remaining dates and times for this production are September 3 & 4 at 8:00pm, September 5 at 2:00pm and September 10 & 11 at 8:00pm. For **Tickets** call 422-6329 during FPT's new box office hours, Wed/Thurs/Fri from noon to 5:00pm, or get tickets at our website, www.firstpresbyteriantheater.com.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

TABLE TALK I & II will restart on Wednesday, September 15 in room 302. Table Talk I meets from 9:30am to 11:00am and Table Talk II meets from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. All women are welcome and invited to attend.

Rescue Mission Meal: The September meal will be prepared and served on Sunday, Sept. 19. If you are available to contribute, by serving the meal or preparing a dish, please sign-up in the church office today. Early sign-ups are appreciated.

Do Not Miss It! The first Chancel Choir rehearsal is Thursday, September 9 starting at 7:00pm in the second floor music room. Anyone with a love of choral singing is welcome. Now is the time to make your commitment of time and talent by joining our dedicated and welcoming ensemble of singers. For more information please contact Jim Mergenthal at 426-7421 ext. 24 (leave a message) or jmergenthal@firstpres-fw.org.

Next Session Meeting: Tuesday, September 7, at 6:30pm. Visitors are welcome.

Become a lay scripture reader! Call Thom at 426-7421 x26 for more details.

The New Haven Area Faith Friends will meet at the home of Jim and Ellen Ash, 23107 Park Lane, Woodburn, on Sunday, September 19, following the 11:00am service.

FPT needs Volunteers to work in its new box office on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between the hours of 12:00pm and 5:00pm. Contact Thom at ext. 26 if you can help out.

New Member Class A new member class for those wanting to join or those just curious about First Presbyterian Church will be held September 26, October 3 and 10 at 9:45am. Attendance at all three sessions is expected. New members will be received in worship on October 10. Please RSVP to the church office, 426-7421.

WEST CENTRAL HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR AND ARTFEST – FPC has been honored to be invited to be a part of this annual tour. However we need volunteers to direct visitors from place to place throughout the building. The dates for this event are Saturday, Sept. 11 from 11:00am-5:00pm and Sunday, Sept. 12 from 1:00pm-5:00pm. We have divided shifts into 2 hours but you are welcome to sign up for multiple shifts if you can. Please contact Joan Coslow at 424-2430 with questions. For more detailed information about the Tour and Artfest look for the bright green flyer in the rack beside the office.

We have an Opportunity to present our church to about 200-300 students at IPFW on Thursday, Sept. 2 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. The chaplaincy department is hosting churches at a barbeque for students and local churches. The communication committee is willing to put information together. **But we need people** to be present to invite students to become a part of us while here. Please contact the church office if you are willing. We heard a lot about our need to attract younger people. Here is an opportunity!

It Takes A Village We are in desperate need of volunteers to help deliver Sunday School lessons to our PreK-5th grade students this school year. The lessons and materials will be fully prepared, we just need loving, willing members to carry the lessons out. It is a two month, every other Sunday commitment. This means only 4 Sundays in a rotation. Please help us educate First Presbyterian Church's future members. Please sign up in the church office or contact Jennifer Shaw, 459-6850. Please note: We especially need volunteers during the 11:00am worship, starting immediately after The Word with the Children.

We are also looking for 2 or 3 volunteers to help lead activities for our PreK-5th grade students during adult Sunday School, from 9:45-10:45. Whether you are willing to help one Sunday or a month of Sunday's, please sign up! These activities will be prepared and will be simple crafts or videos.

Updating Member Information To ensure that we have current member data, and so that you receive church mailings in a timely manner, please notify us of changes in contact information (name, address, e-mail, telephone, even family unit). You may either call Paula Spahr at 426-7421 ext. 14, or e-mail her at pspahr@firstpres-fw.org. Thanks!

COVENANT SUNDAY September 12 is Covenant Sunday, the beginning of our "winter" schedule. Services will be at 8:00am, 9:00am and 11:00am. Sunday School teachers and Day Care Ministry teachers will be commissioned at the 11:00am service.